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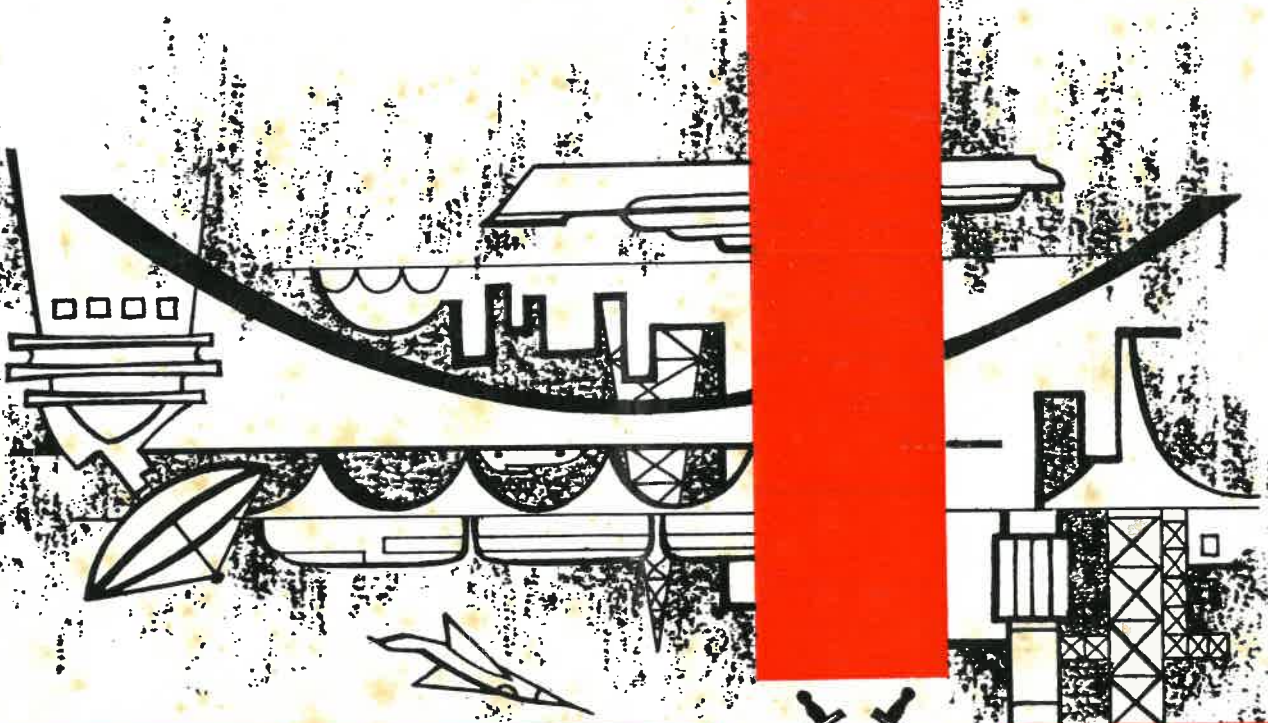
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A CALENDAR FOR PRAYER

The following is a suggested Calendar for Prayer, for use over a period of 30 days.

- Day 1 :** The Executive Board of the Church Army (names on page 2), four Standing Committees of the Board—the bi-monthly meetings.
- Day 2 :** Captain & Mrs. K. J. Cullen, Anthony, Parish of Forbes, N.S.W. Pray for Hospital and Hostel Chaplaincy, Abattoir and High School outreach, Bible Studies and Preaching.
- Day 3 :** Warden of the Training College, Belrose, N.S.W. Students of the Training College: Lyn Bullard, Chris Thiele, John Harding, Trevor Brooks (for Australia) and Will Just (for New Zealand).
- Day 4 :** Pray for Flo Herman (Australia) and Roy Argent (New Zealand), who are to be commissioned as Officers of the Church Army.
- Day 5 :** Captain W. R. Darnley, Parish of Gladstone, Qld.
- Day 6 :** Captain K. A. Donaldson, Parish of Scarborough, W.A.
- Day 7 :** Sister N. J. Bridges, Matron, Farr House Home for Girls, Springfield, S.A.
- Day 8 :** Captain & Mrs. R. G. Eland, Lance and Paul, Youth Work in Parish of Shellharbour, N.S.W.
- Day 9 :** Captain & Mrs. L. T. Fernance, Faith, Parish of Emuville, N.S.W. Praise God for deepening concern and involvement by lay people; pray for the need of an organist at Deepwater; pray that God will raise up a strong body of men to be His witnesses; pray for God's providence over financial needs; "pray that the Holy Spirit will make His presence obvious among us."
- Day 10 :** Sister E. Campbell, Parish of Riverwood, N.S.W.
- Day 11 :** Captain R. L. Gwilt, Federal Secretary, Mrs. Gwilt, Peter, Stephen, Andrew & Timothy, Belrose, N.S.W.
- Day 12 :** Captain & Mrs. R. J. Harris, Glenda and Kerrie, Youth Work in Green Valley, N.S.W.

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- Day 13 :** Sister L. Dorrington, Parish of Mount Gambier, S.A.
- Day 14 :** Captain & Mrs. D. W. Hinchliffe, Parish of Dapto, N.S.W.; Pray for continuing outreach in the Parish and development of the Adult Home Groups; Praise God for those who have come to know Jesus Christ in recent months.
- Day 15 :** Captain & Mrs. J. W. Joy, Parish of Kingsford, N.S.W.
- Day 16 :** Sister P. A. Free, Staff Sister, Belrose, N.S.W.
- Day 17 :** Captain & Mrs. R. C. King, Ronwyn and Howard, Parish of Randwick, N.S.W.
- Day 18 :** Captain & Mrs. A. Malcolm, Andrew & Ruth, Yarrabah Aboriginal Settlement, Nth. Qld.
- Day 19 :** Sister J. Leslie, Parish of Waratah, N.S.W.; Pray for continuing follow-up to the Parish Mission held in October; pray for my two Grade 6 Fellowships, that I may be able to get alongside them and lead them to commitment; pray for the coming of a new Rector to the Parish.
- Day 20 :** Captain & Mrs. B. Mattinson, Andrew, Christopher, Warwick & Stuart, Parish of Campbelltown, N.S.W.
- Day 21 :** Sister J. Midwinter, Parish of Penrith, N.S.W.; Pray for a deepening sense of fellowship and unity amongst the parishioners.
- Day 22 :** Captain J. A. McKnight, "Alternative Culture" groups evangelism, Bina Burr, N.S.W.; Give thanks for a Government grant; Pray for the continuing ministry and for the scores of young people who are pouring into the place; Pray for the need for more young people to give a year of service by working on the team; Give thanks by faith for God's continuing provision of financial and other needs.
- Day 23 :** Captain N. A. Payne, Manager, the Church Army Bookshops, Newcastle & Grafton, N.S.W.; Mrs. Payne, Andrea, Mark and Elizabeth.



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE from the Acting Chairman of the Board

Dear Friends,

As I write this Christmas message for "The Pioneer," I am sure many of you are thinking about the Christmas cards and messages you intend to send (if you have not already sent them) to your relatives and friends both in Australia and overseas. The meaning of Christmas has no doubt differed to all of us from time to time as we have grown older, but basically most of us would convey a Christmas message containing words embracing peace, good-will and abiding happiness to all. Isaiah the prophet long ago anticipated, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

The full meaning of these words from Isaiah should give us sufficient strength, hope and joy to face any crisis, tragedy or other happening. There will never be lasting peace on earth until the Prince of Peace comes again to reign in righteousness and Jesus Christ will give His peace to us this Christmas if we put our trust and faith in Him. I remember some years ago listening to a sermon by the late Bishop Thomas and I thought how true was his remark, "Fear knocked at the door; Faith opened it—there was nobody there."

In a world which is becoming harder, faster and more secular, it behoves us to concentrate on making this a Holy and Blessed Christmas and I trust that Christmas brings to you its gifts of love, joy and peace.

Richard H. Boyl

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Your Christmas gift to the Church Army may be sent in the enclosed envelope. Please help us to save costs by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope, if you require a receipt.

ANNOUNCING !!

For many years the work of our Training College was under the direction of an Honorary Warden with a Church Army Officer (known as the Training College Officer) in residence at the College. The Rev. David Livingstone, Rector of St. Anne's Ryde, has been the Honorary Warden since 1962. Captain Frank Clarke has been the Training College Officer for the past five years and is returning to England in December.

The Board decided the time was now ripe to appoint a full-time Warden to reside at the College and direct the whole of the training programme. The new Warden is the Rev. Graeme MacKobb and he will take up his post next January. We look forward to welcoming him and Mrs. MacKobb and their children, Michael aged 9 and Katrina aged 6.

Mr. MacKobb served as a Church Army Evangelist from January 1962 until December 1966. During that time he conducted many parish missions in New South Wales, Queens-land and Victoria. He was in charge of the Mobile Mission to Aborigines in 1963 and his last Church Army post was on the staff of St. Paul's, Canberra. After leaving the Society he was ordained in the Gippsland Diocese in 1967. Following a curacy at St. Paul's Cathedral, Sale, he became Vicar of Cann River and Minister of the Co-operating Churches of the Cann Valley (an experimental joint Anglican-Methodist-Presbyterian parish). Mr. MacKobb has been Rector of his present parish of Mirboo North since 1971. He also serves as Chaplain to the Morwell Prison Farm and is heavily involved in Diocesan activities, especially in the areas of youth and outreach. He is a member of Bishop-in-Council of the Gippsland Diocese and a Diocesan representative to the Victorian Provincial Synod.

Our new Warden is therefore a man of wide experience in evangelistic and pastoral ministry. He also has considerable gifts of leadership and teaching skills.

Please uphold the MacKobb family in your prayers as they prepare for the move from Gippsland to Belrose.



A HOME FOR GIRLS

Marriage in many cases has ceased to be the binding institution that most people expect it to be when making their vows.

With the break-down of home life, it's the children who suffer and whose future is at stake. A parent alone often finds it impossible to cope. The child often finds it difficult to cope with parents.

One child comes to mind — she was in her early teens when she came to us, a sad-eyed, solemn child. School holidays were near, and she could not spend them at her home. A sponsor family was found, in the country. The two weeks came to an end and I met the train. I hardly recognised her. She was smiling and bright-eyed — a different person. No need to ask how she enjoyed her holidays. Her comment — "Sister, I didn't know people could be married AND be happy! There wasn't an argument, or fight, all the time I was there!"

The majority of girls are from broken homes, their behaviour, at first, is indicative of the bewildered, mixed-up children they are. One sees the problems of the parents manifest themselves in the girls, only the problems become more deep-seated, they are confused and emotionally insecure.

The children's loyalties are divided between mother and father, and they have a distorted view of life and love.



The Orphan Home, Adelaide Inc. (Farr House), has been in existence since 1860, to care for girls who were orphaned, destitute, neglected, rejected or abandoned.

Miss Julia Farr, interested some people in the need for girls, who were living with the mistifs and outcasts — starting in a small way, with a few girls. As the numbers grew, a house in Carrington Street, Adelaide, was bought. The years passed, Adelaide grew, and it was decided that the country would be better. So the present site was bought at Springfield in 1909.

We have large grounds for the girls to get away by themselves, to lick their wounds, and heal the bruised minds and hearts, eventually. To get their thoughts and life into perspective. To heal in body, mind and spirit. To learn to love and trust, to find peace and take their rightful place in the world in which they live.

Sister N. J. Bridges